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SCENES







Belmont Abbey College is a small liberal arts college located in the growing community of Belmont, North Carolina. The students are afforded the opportunity to not only enrich their lives with the many advantages offered by a college education in today's society, but to grow and mature into responsible, caring individuals. Belmont Abbey College enables teenagers to become young adults, ready and willing to face the needs and the responsibilities of the adult world.

Individuality and honesty are stressed at the Abbey, and the students benefit from the examples set for them by the faculty, administration, and members of the monastic community. The college operates on a one-to-one basis and students are encouraged to develop their potentialities and talents.

The motto, "Small enough to care . . . Large enough to challenge" is appropriate for the Abbey for it adequately describes the atmosphere of the campus . . . warm, friendly, personal, yet demanding. It is more than just a saying, and used to encourage high school students to see the benefits of a college education at Belmont Abbey.







people



There are numerous clubs and organizations in which the students may participate on the Belmont Abbey campus. The STUDENT ASSOCIATION is the backbone of the student body and a viable force on campus. The opinions and decisions of the President and Executive Board are highly respected by the Administration. The Student Association and the Administration work closely together and concentrate on making the Abbey a better place. The COLLEGE UNION sponsors many activities throughout the year including three major weekends, concerts, camping trips, movies, and dances or some other activity every Friday night. The CAMPUS MINISTRY enables students to learn more about themselves by helping others. It is a dealing in human relations and sponsors coffeehouses, talent shows, mission-drives, retreats and many other activities during the year. There are five nationally recognized FRATERNITIES and their LITTLE SISTERHOODS and a new SORORITY on campus which offer the students the opportunity to belong to a union based on the fundamental ideals of friendship, brotherhood and human and individual freedom and progress.







EPISODES



Belmont Abbey College is proud of its student publications which include THE FREE LANCE, the student newspaper published bi-monthly; the AGORA, the college literary magazine; the SPIRE, the yearbook; and a SPORTSLETTER. The student participation in these activities is always overwhelming.

There are two honor societies on the campus which encourage students to excell academically, and those who prove to be outstanding in all areas of college life are elected to WHO'S WHO IN AMERICAN COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES, a great honor for the college student.

The sports program includes BASKETBALL, TENNIS, SOFTBALL, SOCCER, FOOTBALL, SWIMMING, RUGBY and GOLF.

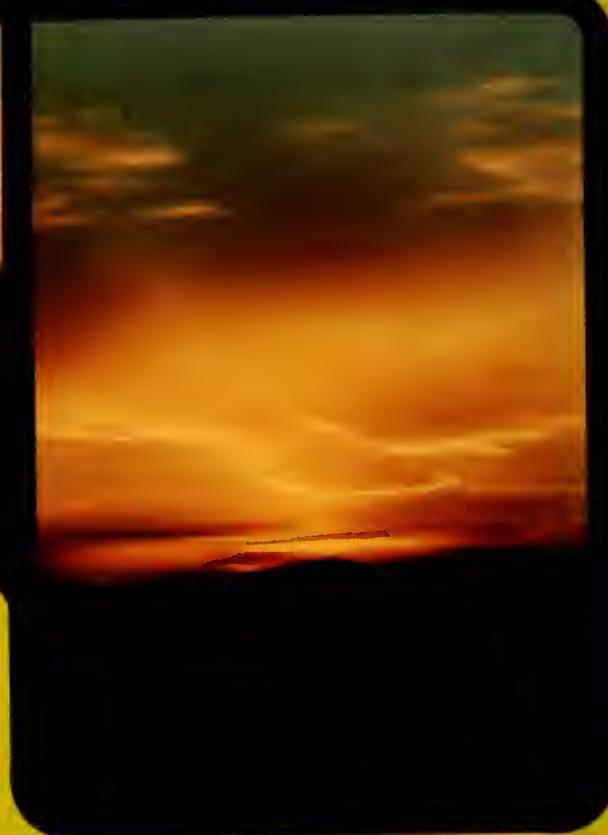
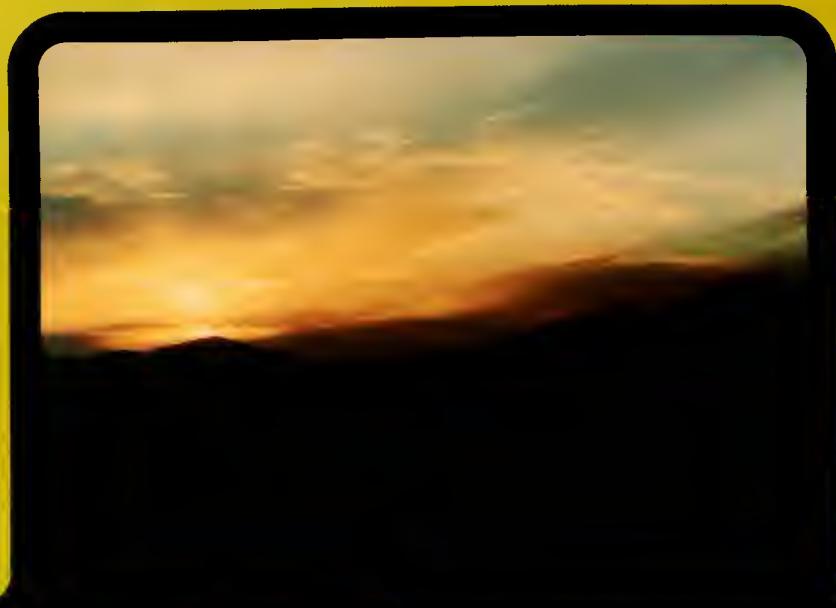
Some of the other organizations on the campus include the ECONOMIC SOCIETY; the ROTERACT and the CIRCLE K Clubs; and the school radio, WABY.

Belmont Abbey offers majors in many fields; Political Science, History, English, Business, Recreation and Dist. Management. Academic expectations are high and the school prides itself on the scholastic aptitude of its students.





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LARGE ENOUGH TO
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Dedication

The 1976-77 SPIRE is dedicated to the Faculty and Administration, to the Monastery, and to all the students of Belmont Abbey College who, through their efforts, spirit and service to the college community, make the Abbey what it is today.



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student life

Autumn

AUTUMN: After the long and quiet summer, the campus of Belmont Abbey suddenly livens up with the arrival of old and new students eager to begin the school year. The weather is hot and humid as luggage is hauled into the resident halls and the first students to make new friends are those with air conditioners



installed in their windows. Desks are dusted, floors are swept, clothes unpacked and sorted out, mattresses aired out, stereos connected, curtains are hung and posters are taped to the walls. Resident hall, sweet resident hall.

The first few days are hectic with the ordeal of registration . . . what to take . . . who to take . . . no classes before 10AM . . . what? Bio lab on Fridays from 2-5?! No way . . . ! Freshmen employ upperclassmen for their help and advice in completing their schedules and then prepare themselves for the long lines to

register. Some are up at 5 AM to be first in line and stand patiently all morning waiting for their turn . . . only to discover that they've forgotten their money for I.D. pictures and have to go all the way back to their rooms to get it.

Upperclassmen usually know what they want to take, but there are always a few who decide to change their majors in their junior years - much to the distress of their advisors, not to mention those waiting in line behind them!

Back at the resident halls, stereos blast, friends are reunited and the balconies of Poellath and R.A. are crowded as the girls in O'Connell try to convince themselves that the bricks are for their own good. The weather is unbearably hot and the only cure is to down a few cool ones!

After the first few weeks, books are purchased, everyone has settled into their new environment and the initial shock of the first FNT had worn off, it suddenly dawns on everyone: Good God - this is college!





The Abbey is still going strong after 100 years and is making many changes and improvements around the campus. There is a new Dean of Students, Landrum L. Cross, and five new faculty members: Brother Robert Hagen, O.S.B., Brother Kevin Canty, O.S.B., Brother Jan Northcott, O.S.B., Dr. James Jackson and Dr. Bennett Judkins. Coach Michael Reidy is back and taking over the Athletic Department and Robin Roberts, Abbey graduate of 1976, is back and working in the Admissions Office. The monastery has a new Abbot since last December, Jude Cleary, O.S.B., and the monastery has been completely renovated and modernized. There's a new road in front of the church, which used to be the cathedral, and many new faces around campus, including Paul McFarland, Director of the Student Union.

Autumn at Belmont Abbey is characterized by the traditional Beany Bowl Game, this year won by the sophomores . . . soccer games . . . rugby games . . . the brisk morning air as students dash over to the cafe for breakfast before 8:20's . . . beautiful fall colors decorating the campus . . . and a quiet anticipation for a beautiful winter . . .







academics





Winter

The weather at Belmont Abbey has finally gotten chilly and the community takes precautions to bundle up in heavy coats and mufflers before venturing outdoors. The heat is turned on in the resident halls, but there are always those cold winter mornings when the maids come in early and leave the suite doors wide open so that the cold air blasts anyone who has to get up to get ready for an early class. Many students can't force themselves to leave the comfort of their warm

beds to go to their 8:20 classes, and those who do get up on these winter mornings manage to wake the whole suite up before they leave. If they have to get up, everybody has to get up!

Outside of the regular class schedule, Belmont Abbey hosts the Charlotte Symphony and many concerts throughout the year. The College Union continues planning their weekly F.N.T.'s and gets ready for Winter Weekend. Exams approach and the library is

crowded. New and longer hours are initiated to accommodate the needs of the students. In the resident halls, the Governor's Council sponsors a door decorating contest to get everyone in the Christmas spirit . . . Delta Psi Lambda is going strong . . . women's intramurals experience a great turnout for their winter activities. Soccer seasons ends, basketball season begins, and Christmas is around the corner . . .







Students concern themselves with their exams and finishing up those term papers that have been waiting all semester. Professors are wary of those who come to them the day a research paper is due and tells them that they have completed the paper, but just can't seem to locate it anywhere. The midnight oil burns and the halls are searched for vacant typewriters.

Phi Kap has its annual Christmas party and the house is full of merry-making and song. Students deserve a break and take advantage of any opportunity to enjoy themselves before undertaking the task of tying up loose ends with schoolwork and starting to pack up to go home for the holidays.

A calm settles over the campus and red, green and blue lights blink on and off in resident hall windows in the evening and suite door decorations are rustled by the Carolina winds.

Bus, train or airplane reservations are made, suitcases are packed and the parking lot slowly empties as everyone goes home to their families to enjoy Christmas. Fa la la la la, la la la la.

Christmas vacation is always over too soon and second semester always seems to arrive too fast. Freshmen can't envision their last year at the Abbey, and senior wonder where the last three and a half years went. New book are purchased, new routines are initiated, new friends are made, and everyone looks forward to the new year.

A few new faces greet the campus . . . Harry Creemers, Abbey graduate of 1974, is back and now the Director of Public Relations and Alumni Affairs . . . and Mrs. Emily Farwell, mother of Brother Timothy, has moved into O'Connell to give Riz Pandy a helping hand.

Meanwhile, basketball season flourishes and the team can always count on the traditional Abbey spirit to cheer them on to victory after victory.

The Abbey Players get ready for a new production, "Lion in The Winter," and the College gets ready for accreditation. A.P.O. celebrates their tenth anniversary and the College Union prepares for Winter Weekend.

Then, one morning, the Abbey wakes up to find the campus a regular "winter wonderland." Classes are cancelled and everyone goes outside to take part in B.A.C.'s winter olympics.











friends

Spring



The azaleas and dogwood trees almost seem to blossom overnight, and the warm, sunny days of spring serve to rejuvenate the community of Belmont Abbey College.

The tennis courts are crowded with the pros trying to perfect their backhands, and the beginners with their newly borrowed "mallets." Bicycles are unchained from banisters in the resident halls and brought outside for some exercise. Frisbees, softballs, footballs and beer cans are tossed around the quadrangle as students take some time off from their studies to enjoy the great outdoors. The Campus Ministry plans another coffeehouse . . . members get ready for their last mountain retreat to the Youth Hostel in Hot Springs . . . and plan on the last retreat of the year to Holden Beach. Those who cannot make it to the coast, frequent the very popular "Belmont Beach."

The monastery is finally complete and the monastic community moves into their new home. The monastery hosts an open house for the public and many take advantage of the opportunity to get a glimpse inside.







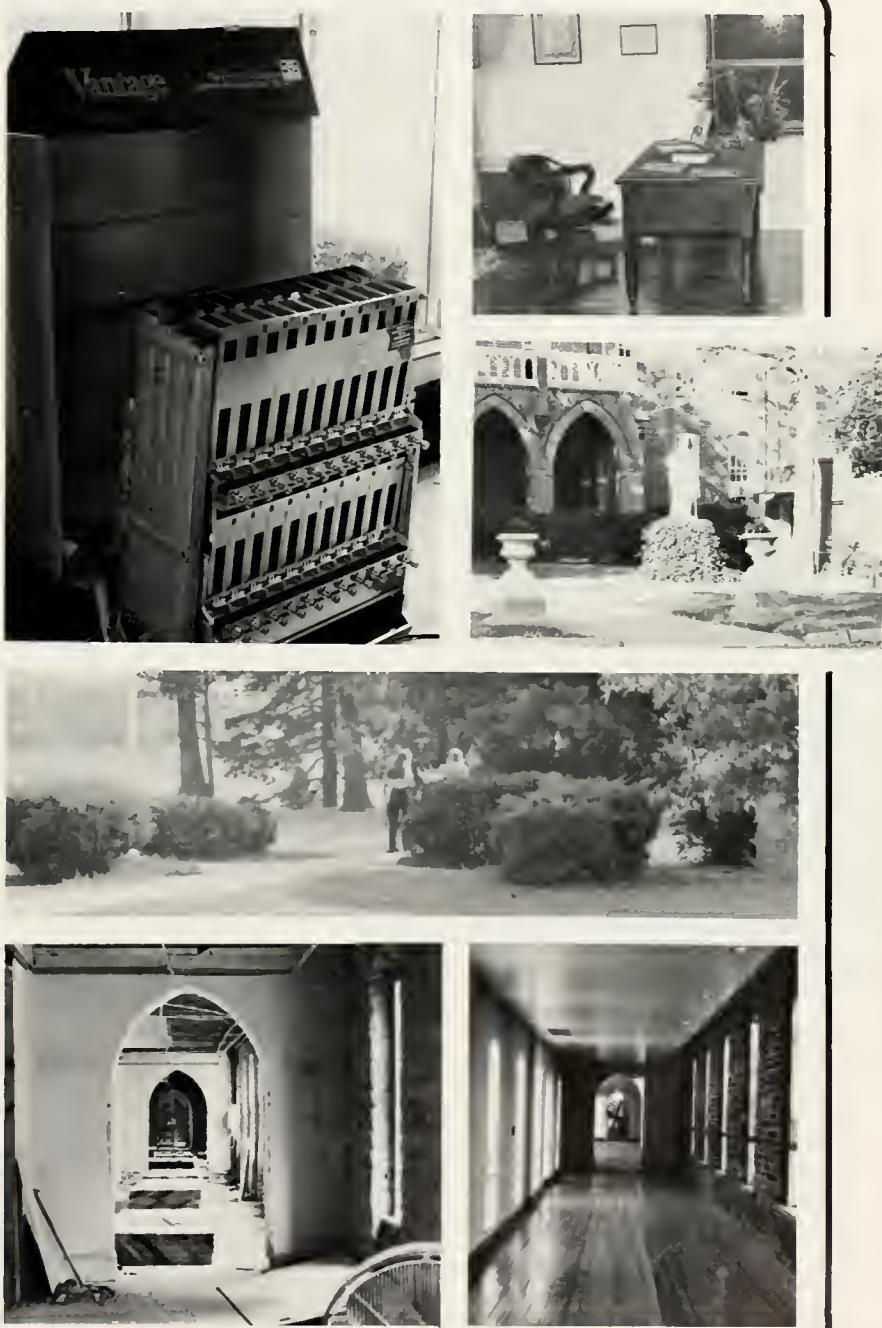


A.P.O. sponsors another successful blood drive and the Abbey Players get ready for their last production of the semester as a few other students find other interesting ways to occupy themselves during the warm spring season.

Parent's Weekend is a big smash . . . cocktail party . . . dinner . . . dancing . . . and much student entertainment. Many parents were impressed with the festivities, making this a weekend to be remembered.

The Student Association holds their annual elections for the executive board for next year - out with the old, in with the new . . . A.P.O. sponsors a carnival for muscular dystrophy . . . academic tightening is pondered . . . self-study continues . . . Easter brings a long-awaited vacation . . . and then back to the old grind . . .

The exam schedule is posted and students begin their long study-campaign. The resident assistants, more commonly known as "Riz's Raiders," attempt to enforce quiet hours in the resident halls, but many students rather study in the library, ad. building or study-room. There are those, however, who'd rather not worry about the whole thing and head on down to the frat houses for a few cool ones.





Just one week after having returned from Easter vacation and in the middle of studying and getting ready for exams, Belmont Abbey College celebrates its annual Spring Weekend, sponsored by the College Union.

The weekend commenced Thursday and ended Sunday, and included a movie, a semi-formal dance, a concert, and the traditional tent, blue-grass music, dinner and plenty of beverage outside on Saturday afternoon. Freshmen are very eager for the Spring Weekend to begin, and seniors never want it to end because they know that this will be their last Spring Weekend for a long time. All enjoy the festivities and excitement, their good friends and good times . . .

Time seems to fly after this . . . so much to do before the end of the year . . . before graduation . . . before saying goodbye . . .

There are last minute term papers to be typed, one last subject to research in the library, one more book to finish reading, one more deadline to meet . . .

Meanwhile, closets are cleaned, drawers are emptied, air-conditioners are reluctantly removed

from windows, floors are swept, linens are returned, and suitcases are packed, then re-packed, and then packed again to accommodate everything gathered over the past year. Many students utilize the frat houses and the Free Lance and SPIRE offices to store their goodies over the summer with the hopes that their things will still be there when they return in the fall. In any case, the resident halls and campus are a challenge to the members of the clean-up crew . . .

Many underclassmen cannot wait to go home and leave right after their last exam. Some, however, stay for graduation, and seniors are left with a lot of time to themselves to think about the past four years, and to prepare for May 15, 1977.

The campus, after exams are over and things are pretty much settled down, is peaceful and quiet. There is time, finally, to realize that it's over . . . Seniors gaze quietly out of windows or take walks around Perimeter Road and see things they've never really seen before. These past four years have gone by fast, but they've been good years, and everyone is a lot richer because of them . . .





Why Me?









seniors





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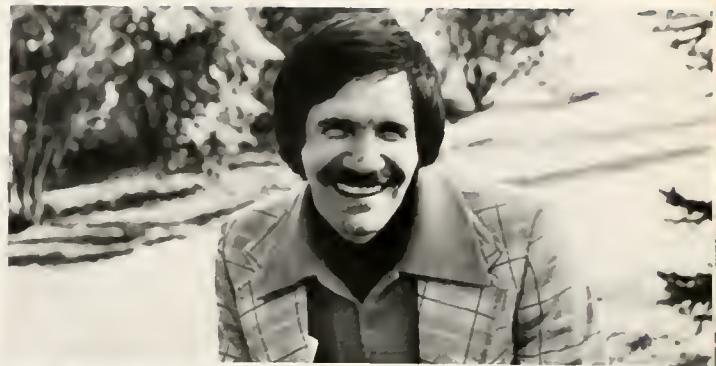


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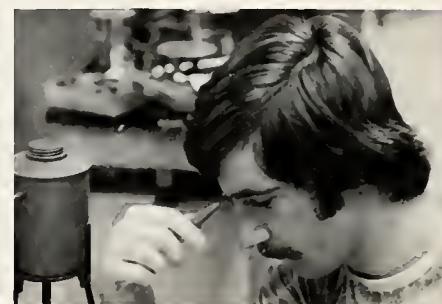




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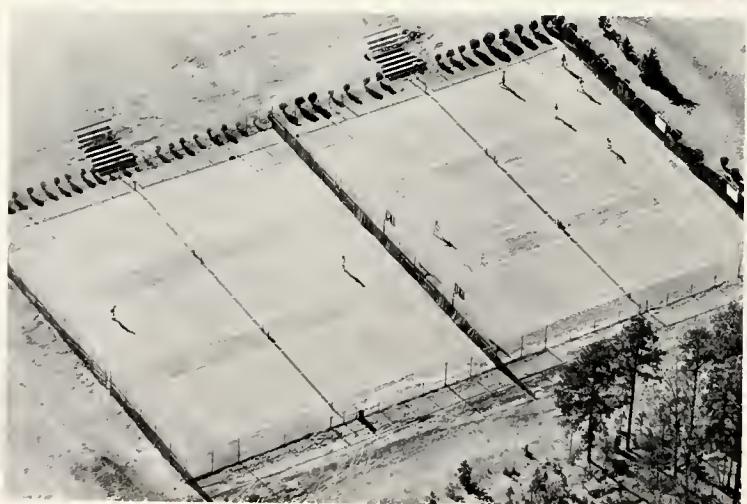


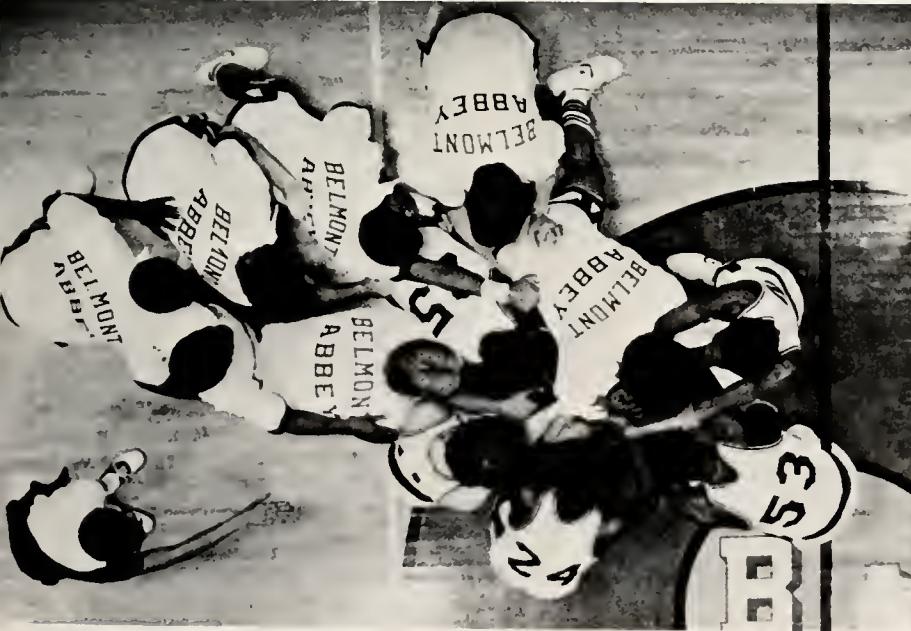






sports





SOCER '77



Soccer is a kick in the grass!

























































clubs





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Abbey Players





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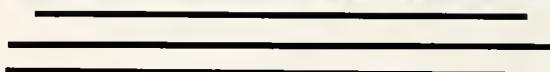








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was essentially
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all the laoi gathered,
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GREEK



Belmont Abbey fraternities held their traditional week of Greek Games Sept. 20-25 with the brothers of Phi Kappa Theta emerging for the third consecutive year as the champions. PKP won the college bowl; TKE brothers were the basketball champs; PKP won the swimming tournament; and PKT won the beer chugging contest and just about all the Greek Game competition.

Congratulations again to Phi Kappa Theta!



PHI KAPPA THETA BROTHERS

WEEK



WIN AGAIN AND AGAIN . . .











faculty



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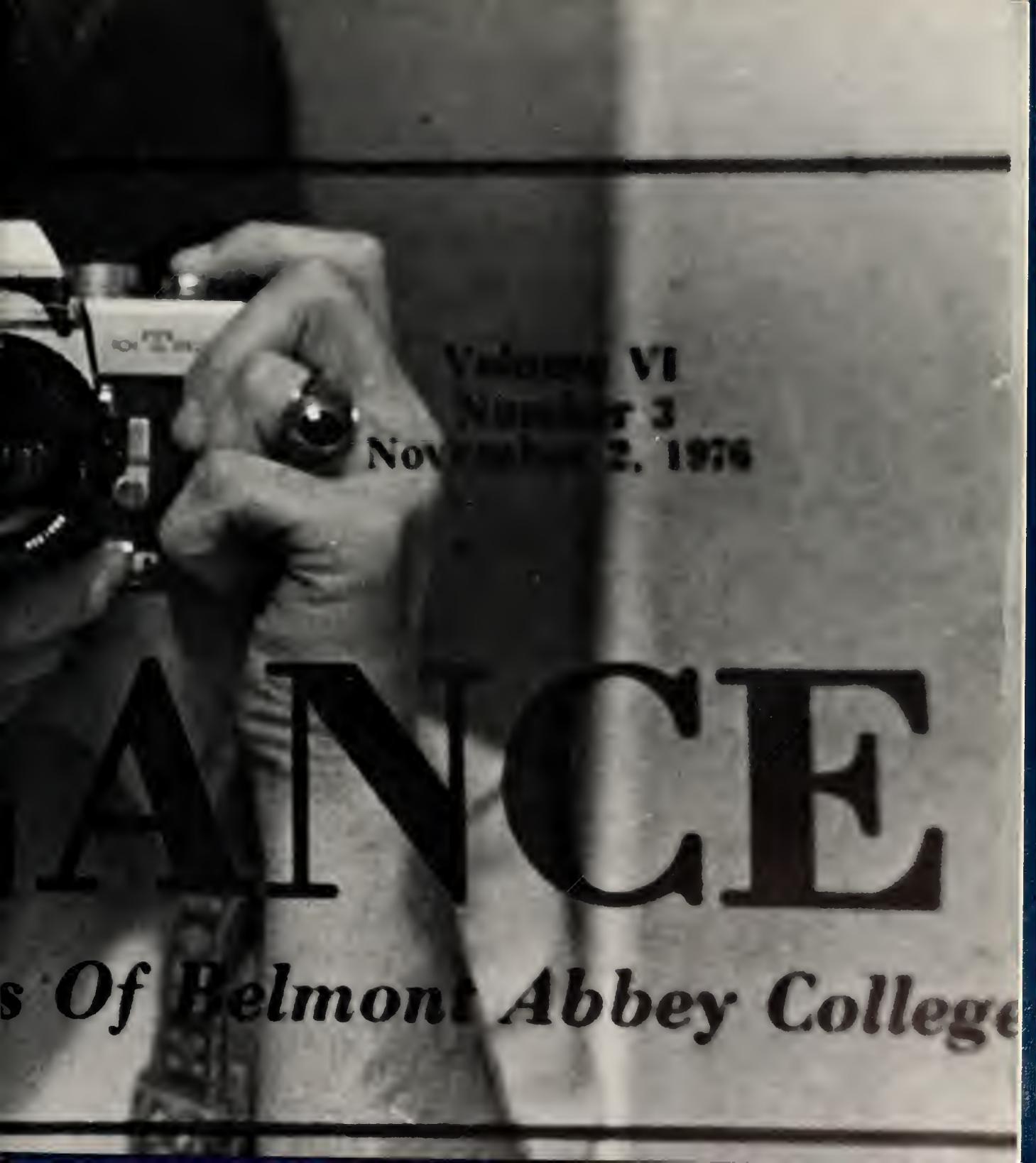
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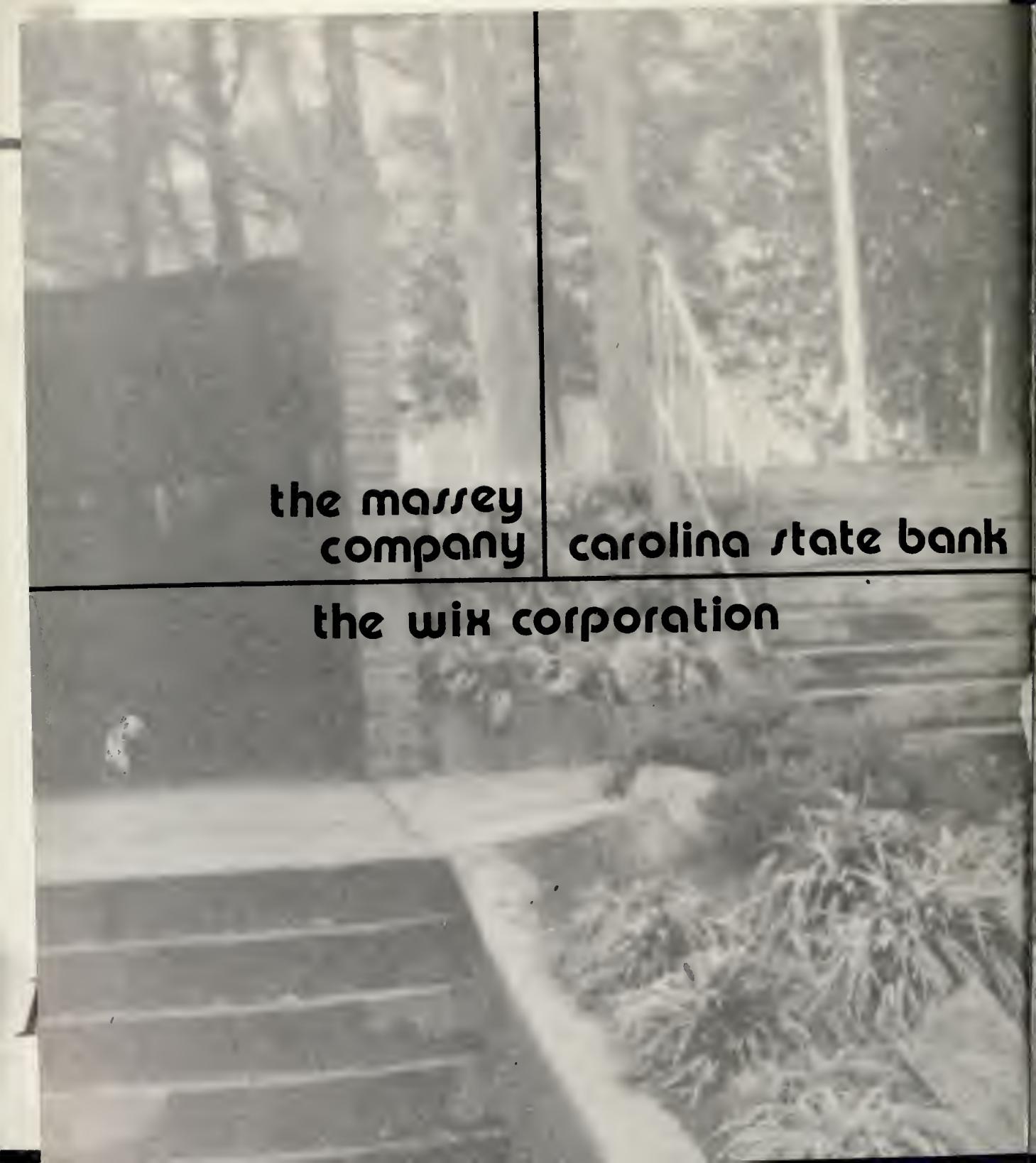
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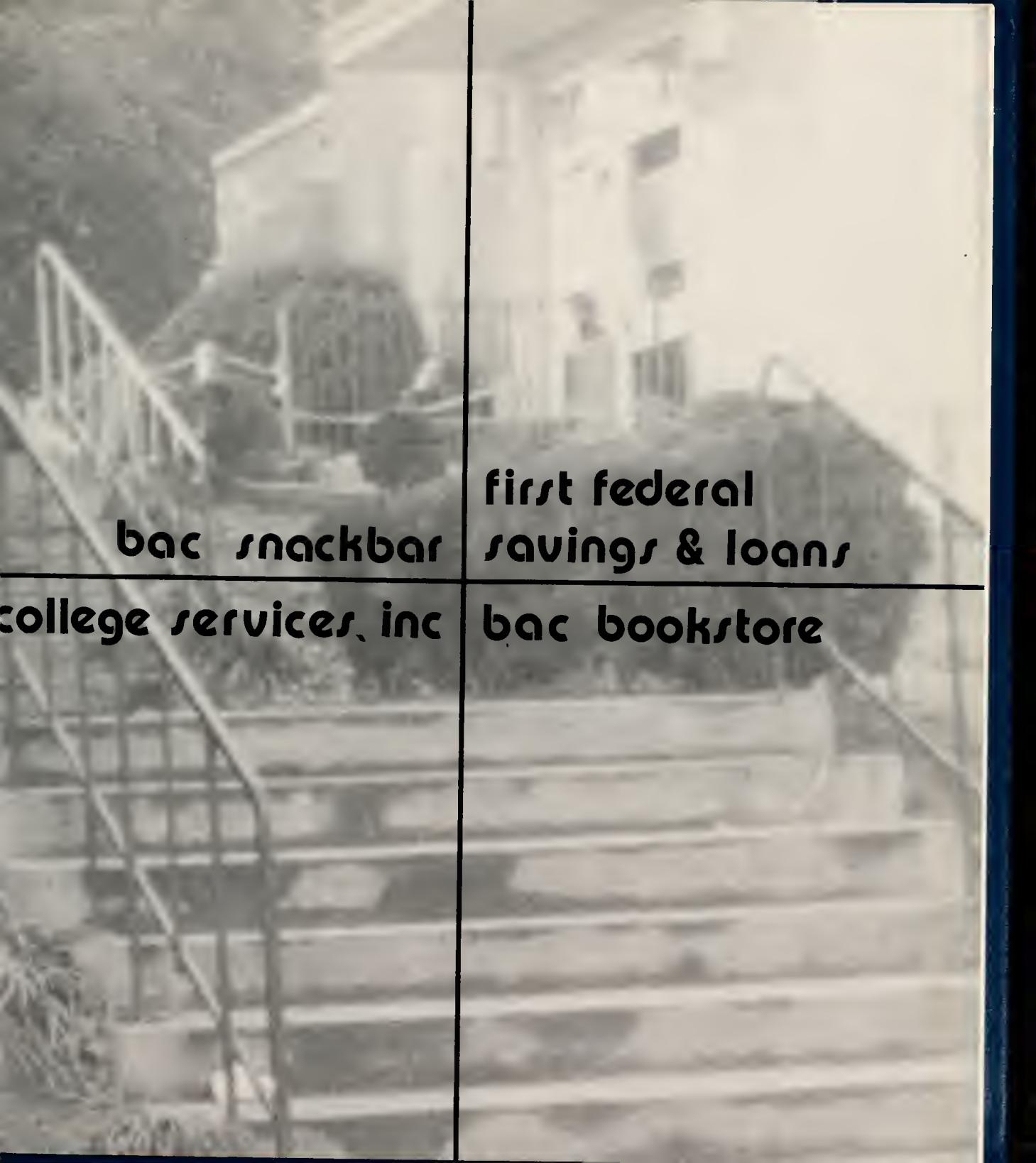
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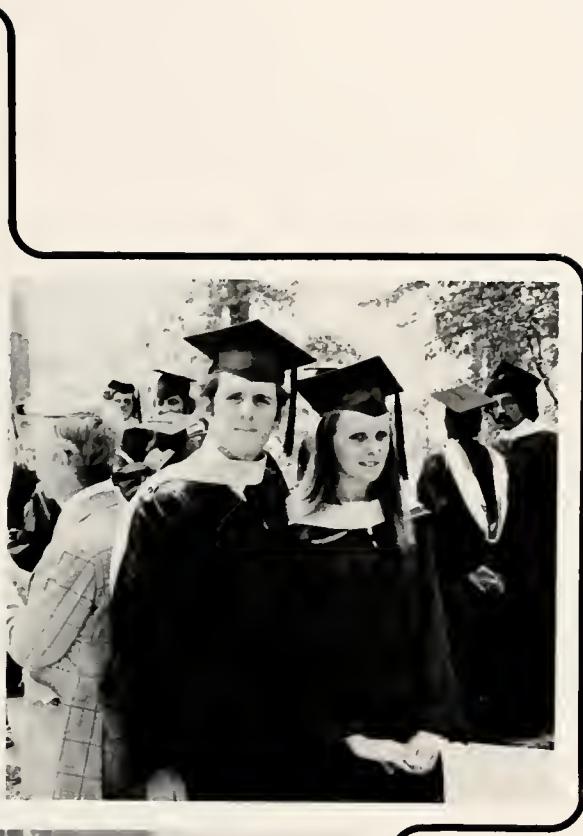






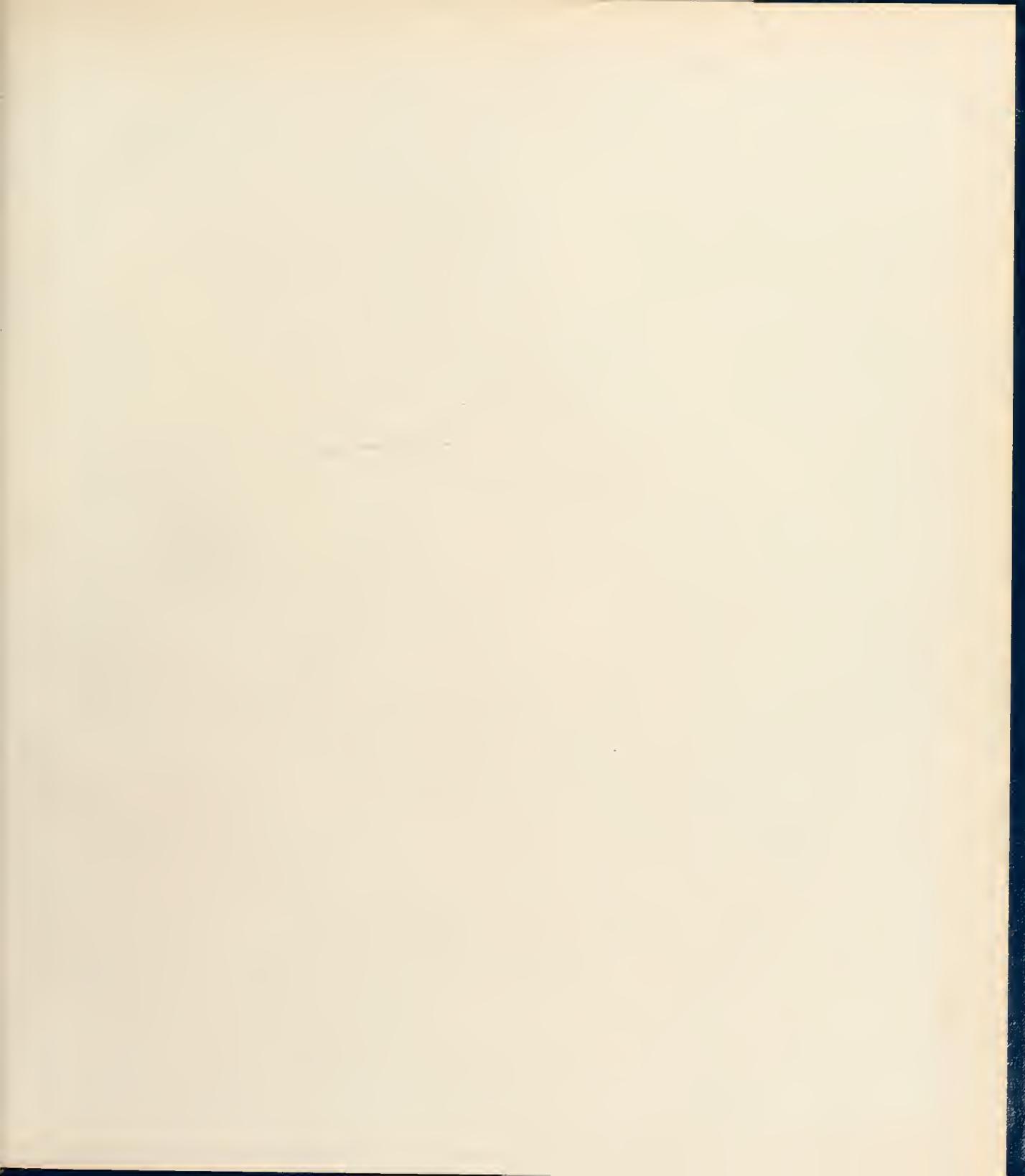
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